



**DATE:** AUGUST 15, 2003

**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENT TO THE  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED JACK LONDON  
COTTAGE RESTORATION PROJECT**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project, in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. DPR is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

**Project Location:** Jack London State Historic Park, Sonoma County, California

**Description of the Proposed Project:** DPR proposes to complete the third phase of restoration to return Jack London's Cottage to its original 1916 appearance. Most of the original historic fabric is present and will be retained during the restoration. This project will restore the stone portion of the cottage and prepare the entire structure to be opened to visitors as a house museum. The wood-framed portion of the cottage was restored during previous work in 1992 and earlier. Disability access will be added/improved at both the Cottage and House of Happy Walls, to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This project will include the following:

Jack London Cottage

- Restore the stone portion of the cottage (kitchen and dining room).
- Remove rolled roofing and replace with more appropriate shingle roofing.
- Repair water leaks in the porches.
- Reinforce the structure to resist seismic forces.
- Repoint the existing stonework.
- Restore the interior finishes.
- Add a new HVAC system and replace the electrical system.
- Reconstruct the outside restroom and outside laundry room.
- Install minor improvements for disabled accessibility
- Construct a new leach field and connect to existing septic tank.
- Install about 150 feet of new underground electrical lines between the stone building and existing power pole.

House of Happy Walls

- Replace existing wheelchair lift and add surface-mounted door operators to provide disabled access.

**Public Review Period:**

The Supplement to the Mitigated Negative Declaration is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning August 5, 2003. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Gary Smith, Project Manager, at (916) 445-8695 or by email at [gsmith@parks.ca.gov](mailto:gsmith@parks.ca.gov).

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments regarding this environmental document should be submitted no later than September 14, 2003, to the following address:

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Copies of the Supplement to the Mitigated Negative Declaration may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours:

- Sonoma County Regional Library  
755 West Napa Street  
Sonoma, California 95476
- Diablo Vista District Headquarters  
363 3rd Street West  
Sonoma, California 95476
- Jack London State Historic Park Headquarters  
2400 London Ranch Road  
Glen Ellen, California  
Danville, California 94526-3465
- Department of Parks and Recreation  
Northern Service Center  
One Capital Mall - Suite 410  
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